

Your Tax Dollars and the Public Lands



The BLM, an agency of the Department of the Interior, manages 264 million acres of mostly Western land and 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate nationwide. The BLM manages these lands for multiple use and on a sustained-yield basis to meet the "present and future needs of the American people." Public lands, which extend across rangelands, forests, high mountains, arctic tundra, and deserts, yield important economic benefits that make the BLM an asset to the American taxpayer.

Of all the Federal agencies, the BLM is the fourth-largest generator of receipts:

Internal Revenue Service (FY 1999)	\$1 trillion
Customs (FY 1999)	\$14 billion
Minerals Management Service (FY 1999)	\$4.6 billion
Bureau of Land Management	\$2.2 billion

The BLM raises more money than it spends:

Treasury receipts generated by the BLM	\$2.2 billion
BLM annual budget (including permanent appropriations)	\$2.0 billion
Net gain to the U.S. Treasury	\$200 million

BLM-generated receipts are derived from activities that take place on the public lands, including mineral leasing, grazing, rights-of-way across public lands, and recreation.

Federal Collections from BLM-Managed Lands and Minerals:

Sale of land and materials	\$88,188,000
Miscellaneous filing fees	\$804,000
Mineral leasing	\$1,445,000
Grazing fees and land-use project land receipts	\$14,041,000
Timber sales	\$61,589,000
Recreation use fees	\$8,975,000
Other receipts, service charges, and fees	\$32,672,000
Mineral Leasing, Naval Petroleum Reserve	\$510,000
Earnings on investment	\$2,854,000
Mining claim holding fees	\$32,298,000
Mineral royalties, rents, and bonuses	\$2,005,585,000
TOTAL	\$2,248,961,000

The BLM shares receipts and other payments among the U.S. Treasury and the public-lands States, where they support activities and services vital to Western communities.

State and County Share of BLM-Generated Receipts and Other Payments:

Payments in lieu of taxes (PILT)	\$149,560,000
Grazing fees	\$2,382,000
Proceeds of sales	\$670,000
National grasslands	\$504,000
Nevada land sales	\$8,963,000
Oregon and California grant lands	\$107,337,000
Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands	\$936,000
Mineral royalties, rents, and bonuses	\$912,000
National Petroleum Reserve	\$7,800,000
Oklahoma Royalties	\$18,000
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TOTAL	\$284,082,000